

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Restriction Requirement

Applicant elects, without traverse, to prosecute claims 19-24 in this application, together with new claims 25-37, dependent on claim 19 or claim 21, added by this Amendment. Non-elected claims 1-11, 13-18, 25 and 26 have been canceled.

Amendments

Independent claims 19 and 21 have been amended by removing the requirement that the bananas should have passed their climacteric. Basis is on page 7, line 28, to page 8, line 14. New claims 25-37, dependent on claim 19 or claim 21, have been added. Basis for the new claims is for example on page 12, lines 1-8, and page 28, lines 7-9.

CONCLUSION

It is believed that this application is now in condition for allowance, and applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case. If, however, there are any outstanding issues that could usefully be discussed by telephone, the Examiner is asked to call the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted



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